

Fremont Conservation Commission
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Minutes of August 4, 2008
Approved August 18, 2008

Present: Chairman John (Jack) Karcz, Members Janice O'Brien, Tina Sturdivant, Pat deBeer and Recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

Chrm. Karcz opened the meeting at 7:40 pm.

MINUTES

Mbr. Sturdivant made the motion to accept the minutes of the July 21, 2008 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Mbr. deBeer with unanimous favorable vote.

WATER RIGHTS ORDINANCE

Chrm. Karcz stated that he will ask the Planning Board at their August 6, 2008 meeting if there is any objection to the Conservation Commission drafting a Water Rights Ordinance that could be put before the voters at the 2009 Town Meeting for inclusion in the Fremont Zoning Ordinance.

The Members reviewed and discussed the "Water Rights and Local Self-Government Ordinance" that have been adopted by Nottingham and Barnstead. There was a conversation relative to the preamble that Barnstead used. There was also a conversation relative to the possibility of including a clause that would allow community to community emergency assistance.

ERLAC

Signs

Mbr. Sturdivant said that the protected river sign at the rail trail will be in place soon.

BUDGET

Chrm. Karcz stated that he has an appointment to meet with the Selectmen on August 14, 2008 to present the 2009 Conservation Commission budget that was approved by the Members at the July 21, 2008 meeting.

OAK RIDGE

Mbr. deBeer stated that there has never been a survey of the Oak Ridge Conservation area. This prompted a conversation relative to whether the Current Use money could be used for this purpose. After some discussion Chrm. Karcz suggested that the surveyor who did Glen Oakes could be contacted to see what he would charge to survey Oak Ridge. There was a conversation relative to who would be the holder of a Conservation Easement and the cost to draft it. The recent Anderson easement records showed that the RCCD fee for that easement was \$100 per acre plus contingency

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costs. Mbr. O'Brien agreed to contact SPNHF to see if they would be interested in holding a Conservation Easement for Oak Ridge.

SOFTWARE

Mbr. deBeer asked if the Conservation Commission could purchase some GIS software to be used by the Town Boards in the Land Use Office.

MARK PRESCOTT

Mbr. O'Brien stated that Eagle Scout Mark Prescott will have the kiosks that he has been working on for the Town Forest finished by September 5th when he turns 18 years old.

WORKSHOPS

Mbr. deBeer stated that she put in a request to take four GIS courses through the UNH Co-operative Extension; ArcGIS 9.2 Driver's Permit, Watershed Analysis, Co-occurrence and Habitat Mapping, and Getting to Know Model Builder. The cost would be \$110 to \$150 each. She will find out if she qualifies for the lower rate as a municipal board member. The Members determined that there is enough money in the Meetings & Seminars line of the current budget to cover the costs for the workshops and agreed to allow the spending.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

1. Notice of the November 12 – 14 annual Local Government Center conference. Program details and registration will be available soon.

Mbr. Sturdivant made the motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

Motion seconded by Mbr. O'Brien with unanimous favorable vote.

Meredith Bolduc
Recording Secretary